

Minutes
of
Upper Peninsula RC&D Council
Marquette, Michigan
June 16, 1978

A meeting of the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council was held on Friday, June 16, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. in the RC&D Area Office.

Present:

- Robert Godell - Watton - Western Region
- Raymond Schaefer - McMillan - Eastern Region
- John Helsel, Marquette - Central Region
- Elmer Kangas - RC&D Coordinator - Marquette
- Dennis Erickson - Berland - Western Region

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Godell at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the March 31, 1978 meeting were read by the secretary. Moved by Erickson, supported by Schaefer that the minutes be approved as read with the following addition: Copper Peak C.A.T. Measure was adopted on motion by Erickson, supported by Helsel, all voted aye.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$525.68. Upon motion by Helsel, supported by Erickson, it was voted to accept the treasurer's report. U.P. Council funding was discussed by the Chairman. It was reported that each of the three regions have agreed to contribute \$40 to the U.P. Council to help defray expenses of the Michigan Council of RC&D Areas.

Elmer Kangas, RC&D Coordinator, reported on state-wide and U.P. RC&D activities. A detailed progress report, Annual Plan of Work, and RC&D Plan Supplement has been developed. A copy has been mailed to all RC&D Council and special committee members, project sponsors, agency personnel, and others.

John Helsel reported on activities in Alger County. He said that the Anna Bridge project is underway. The US Forest Service is also continuing with Wildlife Habitat & Wild Blueberry site improvements through burning and brush suppression.

Preliminary plans were made for the annual meeting of the U.P. RC&D Council and also the annual meeting of the Michigan Council of RC&D Areas. The Michigan Council has decided to meet in the U.P. this fall, preferably in late September or early October. The chairman will make tentative meeting arrangements and report back to the Council.

Following a general discussion, the meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 1, in the U.P. RC&D Office.

Ray Schaefer
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES

UPPER PENINSULA RC&D COUNCIL
Marquette, Michigan
March 31, 1978

1. A meeting of the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council was held on Friday, March 31, 1978, at 7:45 p.m. in the RC&D Area Office.
2. Present:

Robert Godell - Watton - Western Region
Raymond Schaefer - McMillan - Eastern Region
Angie Blome - Extension Service
Elmer Kangas - RC&D Coordinator
Sulo Harkonen - Rock - Central Region
Bill Laubernds - Chippewa County - Eastern Region
Vern McDowell - Rudyard - Eastern Region
Gene Mill - D.C. - Sault Ste. Marie
Dennis Erickson - Bergland - Western Region
3. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Godell at 7:45 p.m.
4. The minutes of the January 20, 1978, meeting were read by the secretary. Moved by Erickson, supported by Harkonen that the minutes be approved as read with the following correction: Dennis Erickson be added to the council members in attendance at the January 20 meeting. All voted aye.
5. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$519.80. Upon motion by Erickson, supported by McDowell, it was voted to accept the treasurer's report. U.P. Council funding and proposed expenses were discussed. The Chairman reviewed the contributions made by sponsors to the U.P. RC&D Council. A list of contributors is attached to these minutes.
6. Chairman Godell discussed the State-Wide RC&D meeting held in Reed City on March 15 and 16. He said that a state-wide organization, the Michigan Council of RC&D Areas was formed. Bylaws were developed and adopted. The purpose of the Michigan Council is to provide united support and coordinated direction to Michigan's RC&D Program. Godell informed the Council that officers of the new organization adopted a budget and requested that each RC&D Area in Michigan contribute \$100 to the Michigan Council of RC&D Areas. Upon motion by McDowell, supported by Harkonen, it was voted to contribute the requested \$100. It was further agreed that regional councils would be informed of the State-Wide Council and that each regional council would be asked for a contribution of \$40 toward this expenditure. Godell said that Dwight Spuller, N.W. RC&D Area made a trip to Washington, D.C. to testify in support of RC&D funding. The Michigan Council of RC&D Areas requested that each area contribute \$25 to help defray Spuller's out-of-pocket expenses. Upon motion by Harkonen, supported by McDowell, it was voted to contribute \$25 for this expenditure. Godell concluded his report with a discussion of ways in which the State-Wide organization can support and strengthen the RC&D Area Program.

Bill Laubernds presented a comprehensive report of the Hay Marketing meeting held in Ashland in January. Laubernds said that the special project is aimed principally for the Wisconsin Area and may not be too well adapted for conditions in the Upper Peninsula. The project is an effort to provide better packaging of hay for shipment by truck or rail. Laubernds discussed ways in which he felt marketing and packaging of hay for market, can be improved. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to support a U.P.-wide Hay marketing project, with its first emphasis in the Chippewa County Area. Bill Laubernds will assist in expanding the Eastern Regional Agriculture Committee and developing a project to be acted upon by the Council.

Angie Blome, Agriculture Agent, Marquette County, reviewed extension service activities and plans in Marquette County.

Elmer Kangas, RC&D Coordinator, reviewed briefly state-wide and U.P. RC&D activities. A detailed progress report and plan has been prepared and will be distributed as soon as it has been printed at the State Office. Kangas reported that 5 RC&D measures have been funded for Spring Construction. Plans and engineering designs are completed for four other measures with funding pending.

Sulo Harkonen, a member of the U.P. Forestry Committee presented a comprehensive report of the Forestry Committee's activities. A detailed report will be presented to each of the 15 county boards of commissioners in the RC&D Area.

Gene Mill discussed plans to implement a stream bank stabilization measure in cooperation with DNR in the Tequeamenon State Park. He also reviewed progress in designing a land drainage project in a 12 square-mile area in Chippewa County.

The following measure was adopted on motion by Erickson, supported by McDowell. All voted aye.

Copper Peak Ski Flying Will C.A.T.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 16, in the U.P. RC&D Office.

Meeting adjourned 10:20 p.m.

Ray Schaefer
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Sec.-Treas. *(jk)*

Attachment

Date Received

County

Amount

12/13/72	Ontonagon	\$100.00
1/10/73	Houghton	100.00
1/18/73	Iron	100.00
2/14/73	Alger	100.00
3/23/73	Luce	100.00
8/13/73	Baraga	100.00
12/21/73	Chippewa	100.00
1/17/74	Baraga	100.00
2/14/74	Menominee	100.00
4/16/74	Mackinac	100.00
10/8/74	Dickinson	100.00
2/4/75	Luce	100.00
2/20/75	Alger	100.00
4/24/75	Ontonagon	100.00
6/1/75	Baraga	100.00
6/6/75	Baraga	100.00
6/19/75	Luce	100.00
6/19/75	Menominee	100.00
7/6/75	Iron	100.00
2/23/76	Chippewa	100.00
3/24/76	Marquette	100.00
4/9/76	Menominee	100.00
4/30/76	Ontonagon	100.00
4/30/76	Dickinson	100.00
5/7/76	Iron	100.00
5/13/76	Houghton	100.00
6/1/76	Schoolcraft	100.00
6/1/76	Gogebic	100.00
6/10/76	Alger	100.00
6/16/76	Keweenaw	100.00
8/16/76	Chippewa	100.00
2/9/77	Alger	150.00
3/3/77	Alger	100.00
3/16/77	Schoolcraft	100.00
3/16/77	Dickinson	100.00
3/17/77	Iron	100.00
4/15/77	Ontonagon	100.00
4/19/77	Mackinac	100.00
6/17/77	Marquette	100.00
8/3/77	Luce	100.00
10/12/77	Baraga	200.00
3/22/78	Dickinson	150.00
3/22/78	Marquette	150.00
3/22/78	Alger	150.00
3/22/78	Ontonagon	100.00
3/27/78	Chippewa	150.00

UPPER PENINSULA RC&D COUNCIL
 Marquette, Michigan
 Jan. 20, 1978

1. A meeting of the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council was held on Friday, Jan. 20, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. in the RC&D Area Office.

2. Present:

Robert Godell - Watton - Western Region
 Raymond Schaefer - McMillan - Eastern Region
 John Helsel - Munising - Central Region
 Elmer Kangas - RC&D Coordinator
 Sulo Harkonen - Rock - Central Region
 Dave Olson - Ext. Forester
 Rodney Richards - McMillan - Eastern Region

3. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Godell at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Helsel, supported by Schaefer, to accept the minutes of the Sept. 1, 1977 meeting as received.

4. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$124.00. A motion was made by Harkonen and supported by Helsel to accept the treasurer's report.

5. Chairman Godell reviewed correspondence. Among items discussed was the forthcoming Hay Production and marketing meeting to be held at the University of Wisconsin Experiment Station in Ashland. It was agreed that the Council will authorize expenses for two representatives from each of the three RC&D Regions to participate in the meeting.

The Chairman also read correspondence from Russell W. Gingrich, Chairman of the North West RC&D Council regarding the formation of a state-wide RC&D organization. Following a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Harkonen, supported by Helsel to recommend the formation as a state-wide RC&D organization. Robert Godell was authorized to attend a proposed organizational meeting down-state at Council expense.

6. Sulo Harkonen led a discussion on Forestry activities in the project area. Progress and activity in the MID Forestry Project Area was discussed. An RC&D report prepared by Glenn Allison for presentation to County Boards of Commissioners was read and discussed. It was agreed that advance copies would be provided each County Commissioner prior to formal presentation to the Board. The report will be presented to all County Commissioners in the RC&D Area hopefully in March and April. The Council discussed the possibility of having the ASCS Committee submit a special Forestry Project to the State ASCS Committee. The Project Forester, RC&D Coordinator, and the Area Conservationist will work with others to explore the feasibility of submitting an ASCS Forestry project for special funding.

7. Chairman Godell presented a report on the Four-Project Area RC&D meeting in Bellaire.

8. U.P. RC&D Council funding was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that each sponsoring district would be asked to provide \$150 this year for Council expenses. The Treasurer will prepare a financial statement and inform districts of the need for increased funding.
9. RC&D Coordinator Kangas discussed Project activities and progress. He said that an annual report and short-term plan will be again prepared.
10. The meeting closed with a discussion on the need for more public information on U.P. RC&D activities.
11. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday evening, March 31, at 7:30 p.m., in the RC&D Project Office.
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Ray Schaefer
Sec.-Treas.

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